

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that LB 469 be advanced. 469 is a bill which actually is a revenue reduction so it will not be enacted or considered on Final Reading until after appropriation bills. What it deals with, some of you will recall a year ago when we were reviewing receipts to the General Fund that there was a 15% taken off the top of the fees of a variety of organizations and that 15% policy was established prior to the time of the creation of the Department of Administrative Services and it was to be used or to pay for the cost of these various boards' use of state facilities. Since 1965 when the Department of Administrative Services was established we have charged all agencies the full cost of the services that they are benefitting from such as the rent of space, the maintenance cost, the janitor's service, printing, whatever it is, they pay for it. There is no logic to the mixture currently of those that pay and those that do not. Last year we tried to get everybody to pay. That was a very unpopular thought and so for equity the bill that was introduced now repeals the taking off at the top this 15% of the cash funds that these various regulatory bodies get. It does, as I indicate, would reduce receipts to the General Fund but there is really no logic to maintain that 15% against those boards that currently are required to do it since they are paying fully for the costs anyway. So I would move that the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any other discussion on the bill? If not, the question is, shall LB 469 be advanced. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record your vote, please, let's go. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 469 advances. LB 225.

CLERK: LB 225 offered by Senator Hefner. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 13, referred to the Public Health Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, LB 225 is a continuing education bill for embalmers and funeral directors in the State of Nebraska. The legislation committee of this association brought this bill to me